

DEPED PALARONG PAMBANSA 2010

TENNIS GROUND RULES

The 2010 Palarong Pambansa Tennis Tournament shall abide by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Rules of Tennis. The following Ground Rules are hereby formulated and therefore be strictly implemented.

1. Tournament Format

- 1.1 Singles Competition, Doubles Competition and Team Competition shall constitute the Tennis Tournament.
- 1.2 Single Elimination format shall be implemented in Singles, Doubles and Team Competition.
- 1.3 Two Singles matches and a Doubles match shall compose the Team Competition. In case the result was distributed among competing teams a Singles match shall be played to decide the winner of the Tie. (*Singles – Doubles – Deciding Singles*)
- 1.4 Seedings in Singles, Doubles and Team Competition shall be based on the result of the last Palarong Pambansa administered by DepEd. Drawing of lots shall do the pairing of players/teams.
- 1.5 All matches shall be played in 8 – Game Pro Set. Which means a player or team who scores eight (8) games win the Set and Match, provided he wins by a majority of two (2) games. If a Set score is tied at 8 – 8 all, it shall be decided by a 7-point Tiebreak Game. During Tiebreak Game a player or team who scores seven (7) points wins the Tiebreak Game and Match provided he wins by a majority of two (2) points.

2. Number of Entries

- 2.1 Each Team must have a maximum of four (4) players
- 2.2 Each Region is entitled to two (2) entries in Singles Competition (Singles A & B), one (1) entry in Doubles Competition and one (1) entry in Team Competition (*Singles-Doubles-Deciding Singles*)
- 2.3 In Individual Competition (Singles & Doubles) “fixed” entries shall prevail, which means entries in Singles are not allowed to play in Doubles – vice versa. Entries in Bracket A are not allowed to play in Bracket B – vice versa.
- 2.4 In Team Competition “blind” entries shall prevail, which means every time a match or tie was scheduled the Team Captain shall be provided with an entry form and his players are allowed to play in any one (1) of Singles A & B or in Doubles – (*Mandatory fielding of four (4) players.*)

3. Schedule of Games

- 3.1 All morning and afternoon matches shall be played based on availability of court, but *not before* the designated time. (*Please see Daily Order of Play*)
- 3.2 Due to extreme weather condition of “El Niño”, there will be a cut-off time in morning schedule of games. Which means at 9:30 A.M. no new matches shall be scheduled / played thereon except the elementary girls’ tournament.

4. Court Discipline

- 4.1 In all Tennis matches infraction on the rules of behavior, unsportsmanlike conduct, ball and racket abuse shall be penalized (*Please see Guidelines for Assessing Penalties*) A three-stage point penalty schedule shall be applied.
- 4.2 Conduct of Coaches before, during and after the match shall be exemplary. Improper behavior by the Coach/Team Captain and Players directed to meet officials are liable to disciplinary actions. It may be in form of game suspension, suspension from the rest of the tournament or as the case may be, it can be a lifetime suspension from any tournament administered by DepEd. In case of physical abuse or grave misconduct the Tournament Manager, Referee or the Chair Umpire has the right for immediate removal of coaches. Violations of the Regulations regarding the Coach/Captains’ Behavior (*Team Competitions*) shall be in accordance with the following:

First offense ----- 1st Warning
Second offense ----- 2nd Warning
Third offense ----- Removal

Unfinished Games

- 5.1 In case of inclement weather or fortuitous event matches shall be postponed and must be re-scheduled. In any case of postponement, standing score shall be carried in the resumption of games and occupancy of the court shall be followed. If so happen succeeding schedule of games shall be adjusted accordingly.
- 5.2 If there is no alternative venue and not enough time to accomplish the tournament, In consultation with the Chairman of the Technical Management and Games Administration Committee (TMGA) the following options shall be agreed upon by the Tournament Manager and Coaches involved:
 1. One (1) Set, Straight Six (6), No Tie-break Game, No-advantage Set
 2. One (1) Set, Straight Four (4), No Tie-break Game, No-advantage Set
 3. Super Tie-break, Ten (10) Points
 4. If still, anyone of the options above are not sufficient "*Shared Ranking*" shall be followed to determine the over-all championship. The total points of the top six (6) teams shall be added and divided equally to all teams concerned

6. Protests

- 6.1 Protest on technicalities shall be in writing and be submitted to the Referee, signed by the Head of Delegation and Coach within one (1) hour after the conclusion of the game in protest.

7. Code of Conduct

- 7.1 It shall be the responsibility of the coach and players to know his/her schedule of games
- 7.2 Players who present themselves in acceptable tennis attire aside from the official color of teams shall be accepted
- 7.3 Coaches and players must present their ID cards for proper identification before the game starts. Failure to do so may cause game forfeiture
- 7.4 The Chair Umpire is the official timer of the match. A player/team not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes is liable for default
- 7.5 Players and coaches shall always conduct themselves in a manner which will reflect favorably upon the game of tennis and themselves as a true gentleman.

8. Coaching

- 8.1 In Team Competition (*Singles-Doubles-Deciding Singles*) coaching is allowed on designated areas of the court and may coach only during the ninety (90) seconds change ends.
- 8.2 In Individual Competition (*Singles & Doubles*) coaching is not allowed. Coaching is considered to be any communication, advice of any kind audible or visible to a player.
- 8.3 No Cheering/Heckling – Coaches shall not cheerlead. A simple "*Good shot*" or a polite clap is not considered as cheer leading
- 8.4 Coaches shall not in any way distract or annoy officiating officials and the opposing player
- 8.5 A coach shall not initiate conversation and argue with the opposing players and officiating officials during the match.
- 8.6 In view that cellphones can be used by the coach in giving any communication or advice, the use of cellphones by the player(s) during the match is strictly prohibited.

9. Changes/Modifications

- 9.1 In consultation with the Chairman of Technical Management and Games Administration (TMGA), all Coaches and Officiating Officials shall be notified immediately and be required to affix their signature in conformity of any necessary amendments of the aforementioned Ground Rules.

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GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSING PENALTIES

	Action	Always Penalize	Generally Penalize	Sometimes Penalize
Racket Abuse	* Throwing a racket that, even inadvertently, strikes a person	X		
	* Throwing a racket in to the fence or net		X	
	* Throwing a racket in anger or in any manner that could or does endanger any person or that damages any part of the court surface or equipment		X	
	* Breaking a racket		X	
	* Tossing the racket into the air			X
	* Bouncing the racket on the court			X
	* Tossing racket at the player's bag			X
Ball Abuse	* In anger or frustration, hitting, throwing, or kicking a ball that even inadvertently strikes a person	X		
	* In anger or frustration, hitting, throwing, or kicking a ball that is not in play causing it to leave the playing area		X	
Audible or Visible Obscenity	* Words and gestures that are considered patently offensive to court personnel, players or spectators	X		
	* References to sexual functioning	X		
	* References to deities when associated with curses	X		
Verbal or Physical Abuse	* Physical attacks, even if no one is hurt	X		
	* Traditional Fighting words	X		
	* Ethnic or racial slurs	X		
	* References to sexual orientation	X		
	* Attacks on the competence of official		X	
	* Taunting		X	
	* Insulting or abusive words and gestures that are directed to a Person		X	
	* Words and gestures that are disrespectful, disruptive, or intimidating such loud "Come on" or "Okay" after the opponent double faults or make an error on an easy shot		X	
	* Words and gestures that are in the face of a person such as a strong pumped fist directed at close range to an opponent		X	
Coach	* Receipt of coaching	X		
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	* Retaliatory calls	X		
	* Other Unsportsmanlike Conduct	X		